

ABSTRACT

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5 This invention relates to genes which encode accessory
molecule ligands and their use for immunomodulation,
vaccination and treatments of various human diseases,
including malignancies and autoimmune diseases. This
invention also describes the use of accessory molecule
ligands which are made up of various domains and subdomain
portions of molecules derived from the tumor necrosis
10 factor family. The chimeric molecules of this invention
contain unique properties which lead to the stabilization
of their activities and thus greater usefulness in the
treatment of diseases. Vectors for expressing genes which
encode the accessory molecule ligands of this invention are
15 also disclosed.